Bar Hill News

The Monthly Magazine of the Residents Association

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Are you happy with the way in which the Parish Council are spending your money on your behalf?

Is there anything you wish to know about present and future developments of the village?

Have you any ideas you wish to draw to the Parish Council's attention?

Are you interested in the development of the village?

If you answer "Yes" to any of the above questions, then come along to the Annual Parish Meeting to be held at the School at 7.30pm on March 22nd.

If you don't exercise your right to participate in democratic government, then you have no real right to grumble!!!!

The objectives of the BHRA are to act as an intermediary between the residents and other parties, to keep residents informed of matters of importance and recreation in and around the village, and to promote the interest of Bar Hill Village.

This year's Committee are:

Chairman of the Committee:	Gerry Brunning	29 Otter Close	Tel: 81085
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BAR HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 7th February, 1977, in the Green Hut.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Apologies for absence were received from:-
Mr. D. Price, Mr. T. Wingate, Mr. T. Mitchell, Mrs. A. Littlefair, Mr. G. Clapinski and Mrs. J. Wood.

Matters arising from the Minutes: Re: the lorry parked near Oatlands Avenue, it would appear that this has stopped at present. No immediate progress on the football pitch. The Parish Council suggest that realignment of the pitch might help. The Parish Council are endeavouring to get the 30 mph road signs replaced. They were taken down as part of the work carried out on the improvements to the A604 and slip roads to the village. The seat outside 27 - 28 Oatlands Avenue has been replaced. Owing to the road works now in progress, no extra lighting is possible near Cambridge Consultants at the present time. There is no provision as yet for footpaths in this area, but the Parish Council are looking into this question. Re: yellow lines around the village, it appears that there has to be an exceptional reason for them before the County Surveyor will consider them.

Parish Council Report: Unfortunately our representative was ill and unable to attend. Miss Moss, who did attend, advised us of what took place at the last meeting.

Amenities Committee Report: Mr. Brunning gave a full and detailed report and showed the proposed plans for the Village Hall complex. These plans will be shown to the Village by the Amenities Committee at an open meeting in March. Several questions were raised by committee members and residents, but at the moment nothing has been decided definitely.

Tenth Anniversary Report: Mr. Brunning gave a full report of the suggested programme, and it appears that all is progressing well. The Residents' Association will be responsible for a Hot Dog and Soft Drink Stall, which will be organised by Mr. D. Tyler with help from the Committee, and the Tug-o-War Contest, which Mr. G. Clapinski will be asked to organise.

Easter Disco: A lot of discussion took place about whether it is worthwhile for the Residents' Association to hold dances. It was decided that as there are now other organisations holding social events, the Residents' Association would concerntrate more on action for the village. Thus until circumstances and finances permit, the Residents' Association will not be holding any more dances.

Bar Hill News: Mr. Brunning is having to give up printing the News, owing to pressure of work. Mr. D. Tyler has offered to co-ordinate a production team of Mr. A. Gowen, Mr. G. Q-Lewis and Mr. P. Lawson. It was felt the News requires an editor and this job will be done by Mrs. A. Littlefair. It was requested that we have more cartoons for the front cover, and it is hoped to effect this.

Any Other Business: Complaints have been received about the proposed two-storey building for H & H Electronics. It is felt that the building would come too close to the perimeter road, making it difficult to see around the corner when driving.

It was suggested that Mr. Rich from the Developers should be invited to attend meetings of the Residents' Association, as all members of the public are.

It would appear that a small truck is being habitually parked across the exit of Hollytrees. We would remind all those concerned that there is a large car park in the Industrial Area and also beside the shops.

We were asked to look into the problems of caravan owners. There is no-where to keep them in the village and it is costly to keep them on sites.

Many complaints have been received about the housing in Appletrees, as the bungalows are very close to the Drift. It was feared that either the new residents or the Developers may cut the trees down. We were asked to preserve the Drift at all costs.

Once again dogs are causing problems. We have been asked to request owners not to allow dogs to foul the childrens' playing field by the track leading to the farm buildings. There is an acute problem in Oatlands Avenue where a large Alsation is allowed to jump his fance and foul a neighbour's garden and worry their baby. The owners have been asked to restrain the dog but have failed to do so, so we have been asked to take action, which we are doing.

Some concern was expressed about the quantity of trees, shrubs and new equipment being spread around the village. It would appear that in this time of restraint we are expanding.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 7th March in the Green Hut at 8.00pm. All members of the public are invited to attend.

Agenda:
- Minutes of the last meeting
- Apologies
- Matters arising from the Minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- Membership
- Parish Council Report
- Amenities Report
- Tenth Anniversary Report
- Bar Hill News
- Amenities of the village
- Information booklet
- Any Other Business

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES.

The Annual Village Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 22nd March at 7.30pm in the Church Centre. This meeting is one to which all residents are invited. Apart from the reports on the village activities, there will be the opportunity of seeing and discussing the architect's plans for the planned Community Centre.

The architect for the Community Centre is Mr. Keith Garbett of Cambridge. The Village Hall Trust and the Village Hall Management Committee both have to be established. If you wish to be involved, please contact John Wills, 17 Acorn Avenue, Tel: CH 80551.

The Minutes Secretary is Mrs. Diane Quaine of 65 Foxhollow, who is now producing and distributing minutes/agendas for Council meetings.

Street lights. If you have a faulty street light and nothing is being done to correct the fault, you can contact me, giving details of the number of the standard(s), the location and the fault.

Perimeter road lights from Oatlands Avenue to Pheasant Rise are off because of a service agreement dispute relating to the liquidation of Nunns of Ipswich Ltd. I hope we can get it resolved shortly but the problem is involved.

As many lights as possible are on at the perimeter road near Cambridge Consultants to help pedestrians (such as myself) and as soon as the roundabout is complete there should be more illuminated standards. The County Surveyor is responsible for footpaths alongside the perimeter road and he is unlikely to

approve such paths other than short lengths to facilitate pedestrians crossing. The Parish Council has allocated funds to improve and create footpath links to the Industrial area.

Freeholds. The Council is now able to discuss the Surveyor's advice on sale price. We are also preparing, with our Solicitor, the standard documentation necessary to acquire residential Freeholds. Details about price and costs should be decided by the time the next Newsletter is printed.

Planning. The Bookmaker has been given permission to use Unit 4 in the Mall - the Parish Council did not object to this application. He has started the installation work to the shop.

The Developers' plan for the Mall could be ready by the middle of March. We understand that they include the re-roofing of the structure - this will cause inconvenience - and some structural alterations to relate the Mall to Tescos. So far no details are available.

Flagpoles. The planning application has now been commented upon. The Council would prefer the poles to be set back against the Hotel so that they are much less visible and obtrusive at the village entrance.

Table tennis. Funds have been allocated to provide a table for club use.

Maintenance payments. Where do they go to? The Fund is overdrawn at present and some of the payments will go to clear the overdraft. The balance of the money will be used as part of the Parish Council income to reduce the maintenance costs presently being incurred. However, the latter matter is for the Council to decide in the future.

Next meeting/minutes. Tuesday, 15th March at 8.00pm in the Green Hut will be the monthly meeting of the Council. Minutes are displayed on the Notice Board in the Mall.

Mark Pettit, Parish Clerk
28 Acorn Avenue, Tel: CH 80400

MAINTENANCE FUND DEBTS.

These are due in accordance with the damands sent out in early February.

We shall assume that you agree the sum due if you do not write advising us to the contrary.

The offer to pay by 3 or more post-dated cheques still stands providing the last of the 3 payments is no later than the 30th April, 1977. Please help to minimise costs by paying promptly.

Mark Pettit, Parish Clerk
28 Acorn Avenue, Tel: CH 80400

SHOPPING CENTRE.

As the Residents of Bar Hill are aware, it is the intention of the Developers to renovate the Shopping Centre at the earliest opportunity.

In the first instance, the roof will be put right to avoid any more flooding in the shops which get swamped as the result of rain.

Plans for the reconstruction are being urgently considered and it is hoped that the tenants of the shops and the residents of Bar Hill will be happy with the plans proposed.

It will be appreciated that the reconstruction period will take some time and the Developers request that everybody concerned will accept any inconvenience whilst work is in progress.

All tenants of the shops will be acquainted with the Developers' proposals as soon as possible and it is hoped that the Parish Council and the South Cambridgeshire District Council will approve the palns with the least delay so that the work involved can be put in hand at the earliest opportunity. The sooner Planning permission is granted, the sooner reconstruction operations can be completed and the residents of Bar Hill will then have attractive shopping facilities of a kind which will complement the new Tesco Superstore.

M.E. Rich, Chairman
Bar Hill Developments Ltd.

BHRA MEMBERSHIP.

Sometime this month, a BHRA Committee member will call at your home to ask you for 75p. This is the annual subscription for membership, so please join as it is great value for money.

The BHRA does a tremendous amount of behind-the-scenes work on behalf of the village, besides the more obvious things like producing and delivering the Bar Hill News and Bar Hill Information booklet and organising the annual Villege Fete and the annual Fireworks Display.

Like all voluntary bodies, we have to limit our activities according to our finances, so we need your subs. to enable us to carry out our work on the village's behalf.

This year we have an extra need of your support as we are organising the village tenth anniversary and Queen's Silver Jubilee celebrations in May.

We have not collected the annual sub. for 15 months, as we felt that the previous "due date" for subs. was too close to Christmas for your convenience. We based this premise on the state of our own personal financial circumstances around Christmas, and are sure you know what we mean! So at the last AGM we agreed to move the "due date" to the Spring, which has given you all three months free membership

So please be ready to part cheerfully with your 75p for the BHRA when a Committee member calls on you in the near future.

Thank you!

Anne Littlefair, 30 Otter Cl.

NEW RESIDENTS.

A warm welcome to our new residents:-

Mr. and Mrs. Read, 86 Hollytrees
Mr. and Mrs. Smith, 79 Hollytrees
Mr. Elliott, 27 Hollytrees
Mr. and Mrs. Pryor, 36 Hollytrees
Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett, 34 Hollytrees

OPINION.

The BHRA would like tp point out that views expressed are those of individuals and not those of the BHRA.

DUTY AND THE BEAST.

One of the perennial subjects appearing in the "News" is that of dogs. Common complaints concern fouling of footpaths and grassed areas, the noise, and the disturbance caused by roaming packs of uncontrolled animals and the intimidation of children and even adults. Reports of specific incidents are often accompanied by comments of mild rebuke on behalf of the BHRA, and I suspect that after being read they pass into the oblivion of all items that do not directly concern the readers. In many cases the owners of the dogs involved probably don't even know that they are to blame.

A recent incident involving some neighbours of mine brought the problem to a head and the BHRA felt obliged to bring in the Police. I have since discussed the matter with the local Police in order to establish the size of theproblem, and despite being aware that the subject crops up regularly, I was surprised by what I heard.

Girton Police Station receives, on average, at least one complaint per week concerning dogs at Bar Hill. I think we can safely assume that the incidents actually reported only represent the tip of the iceberg and that the real situation is closer to one incident every day. In fact the incidents and reports are surely only the visible result of the more fundamental day to day selfishness and irresponsibility of some of our dog owners, who fail to train and control their animals properly.

Laws exist to cover most of the sources of complaint, but enforcement is not easy, and often the penalties applied do not provide sufficient deterrent to prevent a reocurrence. The advice of the Police is to attempt to resolve minor offences by reasonable discussion with the appropriate owner, and then to make an official complaint if this fails to produce a positive result. However, any signs that an animal is sufficiently out of control to be dangerous should be reported immediately to the Police. They are keen to control what is definitely a growing problem in our village.

But to make an example of offenders by taking them to court is not ultimately the best way to solve what should be a straightforward case of social responsibility and mature consideration for fellow residents. The onus, in all but a few cases, lies squarely on the dog owners - the animal itself is almost never the true cause of problems.

Are owners willing to take their dogs outside the perimeter road once or twice every day of the year, rain or shine? Or as the only acceptable alternative, and preferable in many ways, are they willing to allow their animals to foul their own gardens, never anyone else's, and never the green areas inside the village? Are they willing to keep the dog always on a lead except when far from the residential areas, or to train it so that it is always obedient, even in the presence of other pets? Will they accept agreeably any complaints from neighbours about the noise of barking, or that the simple presence of the beast frightens their children? And, for the sake of the dog itself, are they willing to give it sufficient exercise and never leave it shut up for long periods? It isn't easy, is it?

I believe that closely-built housing developments such as Bar Hill are not places for dogs at all, even though I like animals myself. Those who disagree and wish to keep a dog in the village must see the implications of their decision clearly in terms of the limitations on their own lives, responsibility towards their neighbours and, not least, in terms of firmness and kindness the animal itself. Their own pleasure must come last on the list of considerations.

Most of the reasons given for owning dogs are not soundly based. For example, I do not accept the common premise that a dog bought as a pet for a child sets a good example in caring for others. Children rarely take the full responsibility for caring for an animal for more than a few weeks, and indeed, not being altogether experienced in life themselves, they cannot be expected to take the full responsibility. Surely a direct example from the parents on social behaviour and consideration for others is worth a hundred pets? Or is that perhaps asking too much of parents? Probably we can all think of examples of people who would be much better characters if they cared for their fellow humans as much as they care for their animals.

The main valid reason for possessing a dog, in my opinion, is that of security, as a guard-dog. But even in this case there comes a time when the security of our property must be weighed against the health and safety of our neighbours. A suitable safety lock on the door and reasonable caution will cover all but the most extreme case of attempted violence, where a dog would probably not be a great deal of use anyway.

The conclusion, I think, applies to a large section of the population of Britain as well as to the residents of Bar Hill. Do we have to wait for a serious incident, a badly bitten or infected child to bring us to our senses? Do we have to wait for the arrival of rabies in our country to make us realise that our fellow man, with all his faults, is more important than our pets? Or do we have to have an enforced legal limit on the number of dogs in each neighbourhood, as in some parts of Europe?

The British are renowned for their common sense, so do let us try to apply it.

Trefor Mitchell, 59 Oatlands Av.

BAR HILL CHURCH.

Ministers: Rev. Richard Smart, The Rectory, Scotland Road, Dry Drayton. Tel CH 80828
Rev. Gladys Seymour, The Church House, 19 Acorn Avenue. Tel: CH 80331

The church, sponsored by the Baptist Union, the Church of England, the Methodist Church, the Religious Society of Friends and the United Reformed Church, welcomes the co-operation of all Christians in its life and work. We especially extend a warm welcome to all new residents in the village.

WHAT! NO SUNDAY SCHOOL? A message from one of the Ministers:-

Every month in the Bar Hill News in the information about services it is stated that "children normally leave after opening worship to meet in their own age groups." But I am told that some folk do not understand what this means and, not finding any mention of "Sunday School", suppose that no provision is made for children, or that their child will not be welcome. So let me try to explain:

"Sunday School" suggests something for children only. But what we do on Sunday morning is for everyone - not just children. We all gather at the Church Centre to worship God and to learn on Him - babies in prams, toddlers, children and adults of all ages, we are all there for the same purpose. But the way we do this has to vary according to our age and understanding. The babies can experience something of God by the care of those who look after them in the creche. Other children share with the adults in the first quarter of an hour of worship and learning and then they go to the Terrapin building to continue worship and learning in ways meaningful to them. The adults stay in the octagon and continue worship and learning there. We are all engaged in the same thing, though not normally at the same time in the same room. Sometimes we do stay together, children and adults, for the whole service, and the next time this will happen will be on Mothering Sunday, 20th March, when the Guides and Brownies, Scouts and Cubs will parade and worship with us.

We shall be delighted if you can come as a family and worship with us. But if, for any reason, you cannot come yourself but would like your children to do so, they will be very welcome. We will gladly make arrangements to fetch them, if you would like us to do so.

Gladys M. Seymour.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

At the 10.00am service a creche is provided for the under threes and other children normally leave after opening worship to meet in their own age groups. At present the eleven-plus group meet on the second and fourth Sundays only.

March 6th	10.00am	Baptist Lay Preacher' Sunday Dr. B. Heap
	8.00pm	Prayer Fellowship, Bible Study and Communion.
March 13th	10.00am	Larger Horizons and Communion, conducted by Rev. Richard Smart. Preacher: Rev. C.H. Attwater of the Leprosy Mission.
	8.00pm	Prayer Fellowship and Bible Study
March 20th	8.00am	Holy Communion: Canon G. Tibbatts
	10.00am	Family Worship and Parade Service (Mothering Sunday)
	8.00pm	Prayer Fellowship and Bible Study

March 27th	10.00am	Worship and Holy Communion conducted by Rev. Gladys Seymour. Preacher: Rev. Richard Smart.
	8.00pm	Prayer Fellowship and Bible Study.
April 3rd	10.00am	Worship and Holy Communion conducted by Rev. Richard Smart. Preacher: Rev. Gladys Seymour
	8.00pm	Prayer Fellowship and Bible Study.

OTHER ACTIVITIES.

Friday, March 4th WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - a day when women in every country in the world meet together to worship and pray. There will be a service at the Church Centre at 10.45am and a creche will be provided. Speaker: Mrs. Mavis Kemp.

Buffet Lunch Wednesday, March 9th at 12 noon - 1.30pm at the Church Centre.

Three Course Lunch Thursday, 17th March at 1.00 - 2.30pm at the Church Centre. Adults 40p, children 20p.

GREEN SHIELD STAMPS.

Bar Hill Church is now registered as a Community Saver of Green Shield Stamps, to be used to obtain various pieces of equipment that the church needs. The chief organiser is Mrs. Jane Gedney of 84 Hollytrees. Envelopes for collecting stamps can also be obtained from Mrs. Lemon, 160 Pheasant Rise, Mrs. Craske at 19 Partridge Drive, Mrs. Page at 17 Almond Grove and Mrs. Price at 82 Foxhollow. The first target is 80 books for a really good Noticeboard for the foyer window, with moveable letters so that we can keep the board informative and attractive. Obviously we want it in place before the village celebrations in May, so please help. In the Old Testament, people gave one tenth of their increase to God. Why not give one in every ten Green Shield Stamps you obtain to the church?

GRAND MONEY-RAISING EFFORT.

Last year the Allcomers gift stall at the village fete raised £21, much needed for church funds. This year we are making a special effort by having a Christmas present stall in Cambridge market in November. We hope to accumulate goods for the stall throughout the year by restarting our Knit-n-Natter mornings, where a good deal of nattering and very little knitting happens, but the chance to show off what we have made encourages us not to leave our gift-making until the week before the sale. If you would like to help. come along to a preliminary meeting at Joyce Eastab's, 41 Partridge Drive, at 10.00am on the 30th March.

ALLCOMERS.

Everyone is welcome at our Tuesday afternoon meetings at the Church Centre from 2.15 - 3.15, and you don't need to join in the activities id you prefer to sit and chat.

March 8th	Bring books to swop
March 15th	Swop ideas for children's parties (Just write down your ideas to pass around.)
March 22nd	A guess-the-advert game
March 29th	Coffee at 101 Hollytrees.

On The 5th April there will be an Easter coffee morning with hot cross buns and biscuits for sale at the church.

FIRST BAR HILL SCOUT GROUP.

Scouts.

As you will remember from our stop-press item last month, the Troop has now re-started and 14 boys turned up for the first meeting. This was a very encouraging start and we can now see the Troop is going from strength to strength.

Just to remind you that membership is open to boys between the ages of 11 and 16 and that they do not have to have had previous membership with the Cub Scouts in order to become a Scout. Meetings are held on Friday evenings at the School, in the small hall, starting at 8.00pm and finishing about 9.30pm. If your son is interested then please send him along, or if you would like to find out more about it yourself, call in on Friday evening and see Skip, Roy Evans, about it.

Cubs.

We have two packs catering for the Scouting needs of boys between the ages of 8 and 11, one meeting being held on Wednesday evenings at the School small hall starting at 6.30pm and finishing at 8.00pm, and the other meeting on Friday evenings at the Church Centre, again starting at 6.30pm and finishing at 8.00pm. Both brian Medler, for Wednesday evenings, and Gerry Craske, for Friday evenings, would be pleased to see you on those evenings if you have any questions regarding membership for your son.

Waste Paper.

Our next collection will be on Saturday, 12th March, starting as usual at 9.00am. We are receiving a good price at the moment for the paper that we collect and we wish to thank all those who give us their waste paper month after month. If you are not in the habit of saving your waste paper for us, may I ask you to consider that you do so in the future? You can rest assured that the monies earned come straight back to the advantage of the boys on the village and enable us to provide a range of equipment and facilities which we would otherwise be unable to do.

Football.

In February the Cubs played their second match, this time against the Oakington Cubs, and although they lost, they improved on their record with the fianl score line reading:- Oakington 8 Bar Hill 3. The match was played at Bar Hill in rather bad conditions and we had to mark out a temporary pitch on the only drained part of the village green. Thanks to all the supporters for turning up, it is a great encouragement to the boys. We are not sure of the date of the next match at the moment, but it will most likely be at home against Willingham, and we will put up some posters giving details, once these have been agreed.

Gerry Craske.

WEA NEWS.

At our AGM on 9th February, our Chairman, Mr. M. Duce, Treasurer, Mrs. J. Harrison, and Secretary, Miss E. Hamill, were re-elected, and Miss L. Moss, Mr. W. Gribbin, Dr. M. Hewins and Mr. J.D. Bloom (of Dry Drayton), agreed to serve as Committee members.

The discussion to decide the courses for the Autumn and Spring terms for the year 1977-78 proved to be animated though not acrimonious, and by a majority vote, Social Anthropology was chosen for the Autumn term. Although not quite what was meant by the advocate(s) of a course with "social" significance, at least the word appears in the title! Just what co-relation can be made between community life in Papua and Bar Hill is open to conjecture, but our thanks to those who took the trouble to write commenting on our proposals.

Meanwhile, arrangements are in hand for our specially-requested six-week course with Tony Cook, of the Wildfowl Trust, beginning on Wednesday, 20th April. This includes three excursions; to the coast, to Borough Fen and to the Ouse Washes. Full details next time when I hope Tony will have decided which of the alternative dates given to the class before Christmas will provide the highest tides, etc., condusive to successful bird-watching.

Edith Hamill, Secretary
23 Acorn Avenue, Tel: 80471

THE THURSDAY AFTERNOON CLUB (B.H. RETIRED RESIDENTS).

First of all, we send our get-well wishes to our sick members, who include Mrs. Chance, Mrs. Craske and Miss Harding.

We should also like to send our grateful thanks to Mr. Norton, the School Headmaster, and to Mr. Gilbert of the Community Council for making us so welcome at our meetings. Our surroundings are very cosy, comfortable and friendly. Thanks also go to Mrs. Abrahams.

Before you receive this copy of the Bar Hill News, we shall have held meetings which include films on cookery, cleaning ladies' gloves, and about bottles. Our Keep Fit class was somewhat depleted, owing to the sickness of several members. A special visit was arranged to the Folk Museum in Cambridge, by special invitation of the Curator.

The meeting planned for the 1st March has been cancelled.

Forthcoming meetings:

10th March Mr. Norton will show slides of America '77. All are welcome to this enjoyable afternoon.

24th March A social afternoon and Bring and Buy sale.

Our future plans include a visit to a factory, to the Botanical Gardens, and we hope to visit Sandringham House and the seaside. We extend an invitation to other club members and residents to join us on these trips.

Our club meets in the annexe of the School as usual on the second and fourth Thursday afternoons each month from 2.30pm - 4.00pm.

Mrs. I.A. Price, Hon. Sec.
9 Acorn Avenue, Tel: 80501

BALLROOM DANCING FOR BEGINNERS.

As reported in last month's Newsletter, a class for beginners has been established to learn the arts of ballroom dancing from professional tutors.

Why not join us at 8.00pm on Thursday, 3rd March, at the School and learn how to waltz, quickstep, Cha-Cha and dance to slow rhythmns?

Tom Stephenson

BAR HILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Annual General Meeting. This will be held at the School at 8.00pm on the 9th March. Nominations for the Committee should be sent to me or put forward before the start of the meeting. As I mentioned last month, this is an important meeting and I hope you will be able to attend.

Gardeners' Question Time. This will accompany the AGM. A panel of three knowledgeable gardeners will be pleased to solve your problems and answer any questions you may have.

This Month's Talk. An alteration to the programme given earlier: Mr. Cramp's talk on "Some more unusual vegetables to grow" will now be held on the 16th March at the School at 8.00pm.

Mr. Cramp is well-known in East Anglia. He was for 25 years Horticultural Advisor for Cambs. with the Local Authority and latterly with the Ministry of Agriculture. He was then for twelve years Regional Vegetable Specialist for East Anglia with the Ministry. He holds the RHS Diploma and on his retirement was made Associate of Honour by the RHS for "Outstanding services to Horticulture." He has given us talks in the past and I am sure that all who attended will agree that they are exceptionally informative, as I am sure this talk will be.

Horticultural Shop. This will now open regularly every Sunday from 11.30am - 12.30pm. Potting composts, fertilizers, insecticide spray, canes, nets, peat bales etc. will be on sale along with many other requisites for the garden.

In Your Garden. This is the busiest time of the year. Now is the time to prepare the seed beds, repair and feed the lawns, prune and feed roses and tidy up herbaceous borders and shrubberies. Make a plan of all the jobs that have to be done and that way none will be overlooked in the rush! Make a list of the seeds you wish to sow and put them in the order in which to sow them. This will ensure a continuous supply of crops.

This is also the time to decide which plants you will wish to enter in this year's flower and vegetable competitions, not only in Bar Hill but also in other villages around Cambridge.

Exhibiting can be very exciting, as experienced gardeners will tell you. The exchanging of ideas, the failures and the successes are all part of exhibiting. If you have never entered a competition before, give it a try, there is always one of the "older boys" to give you a hand. I have arranged for July's talk to be on presenting flowers and vegetables for shows. I should like to mention the occasion when an experienced rosarian who noticed a young man, obviously at his first show, trying to arrange (dress) his display, and gave the young man a hand and some advice. As a result, the rosarian had to take second place to the novice! In spite of the result, they became very good friends and corresponded often.

Mr. A.E. Gowen, Secretary
27 Gladeside, Tel: 80280

BAR HILL PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION.

May Day, 21st May. Our thanks to all who are busy making things for sale, also to those who have sent contributions to the School - this month is toys and fancy goods.

The Committee met many of the parents at the Parents' Evening at the School last month, and pass on their thanks to the volunteers who agreed to help on the day. You will be hearing from the Secretary in due course. Incidentally, we can do with a few more helpers!

Brownies. Our thanks also go to the Brownies, who declined their donation which we offered back to them on the decision to scrap the Minibus project. The money the Brownies donated to us will be used for something useful for use in the School.

Maths. Centre Visit. A reminder of the date - Thursday 17th March at 7.30pm at Stapleford School

Dine and Dance. Dancing to the Johnny Lawrence Sound on Saturday, 30th April 8.00pm - 12 midnight. Tickets now available from the School or PTA Committee, price £1.75 including refreshments. Numbers are limited to 130. If you do require tickets, please phone 80272.

BAR HILL FERMENTERS' GUILD.

The Guild held a very successful wine competition on Tuesday, 8th February. Thirteen members and several spouses attended, and judging was by Mrs. Paul of the Cambridge Amateur Wine and Beermakers' Guild. The overall winner was presented with a cup, and the class winners will receive certificates. Congratulations to all concerned!

The results were as follows:-

Dry White	1 Norman Chapman 2 Bob Muir 3 Gerry and Sylvia Dodd
Sweet White	1 Alan and Wendy Brown 2 Mike Duce 3 Alan and Wendy Brown
Dry Red	1 Peter Tabbitt 2 Peter Tabbitt 3 Dave Mutch
Kit	1 Dick Roberts 2 Dick Roberts

OVERALL WINNER: NORMAN CHAPMAN.

A small group of members enjoyed a very pleasant trip round Paine's Brewery, St. Neots, on Saturday, 12th February.

The Guild's next meeting is on Tuesday, 8th March at 8.00pm in the School. A number of short films on wine and cheese will be shown, and would members please bring a bottle. Those who feel they might like to join the Guild (annual fee still only 50p) would be very welcome.

Peter Hoare, Joint Hon. Sec.
14 Pheasant Rise, Tel: 80758

FILMS.

Admission to over 17s only. All welcome. Charge 40p.

Monday, 28th February "One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest"
Monday, 14th March "Confessions of a Pop Performer"

BRITISH LEGION.

The monthly business meeting will be held in the School on Monday, 7th March at 8.00pm. All members are welcome. The Committee will be pleased to hear your views and requests for future village activities.

BINGO - BINGO.

A Bingo session 8.30 - 10.00pm will be held in the School on Monday, 7th March. All games will be played in accordance with Section 32 of the Gaming Act, which ensures that stake monies is returned in total as prizes. The session is in aid of the Bar Hill branch of the Royal British Legion Banner Fund. A small entry fee of 15p will be charged and paid into this fund. Cost per house is 5p. Prize per house is 5p x number of players. Start and finish playing as you wish.

VILLAGE PARTY.

A date for your Diary - Friday, 27th May is Party Night. Sing the Oldies, dance modern, Old Time and pops or demonstrate your own Party Piece (if you are so inclined), all at the inflated cost of 20p per ticket! Watch for setails in the next two Newsletters. The function will be presented by the Bar Hill branch of the Royal British Legion, and the 20p entrance fee is not a misprint!

Tom Stephenson, Hon. Treasurer
Bar Hill branch, Royal British
Legion.

8 O'CLOCK CLUB.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, 3rd March in the School Lounge at 8.00pm. Mr. Bill Norton will show slides of his trip to America to stay with the former Mrs. Burry. If anyone would like to come and see them, they will be very welcome.

LA LECHE LEAGUE.

The third meeting in the series will be held on Wednesday, 30th March at 8.00pm at 65 Foxhollow. The subject under discussion will be "Baby arrives, the family and the breastfed baby."

All welcome, including children.

BAR HILL BABYSITTING ROTA.

The babysitting rota is to be revised during March, so if any new parents to the village would like to be included, or if any old members wish to be taken off the list, could they please contact Mrs. Jo Hall, 41 Otter Close (80304) or Mrs. Janet Wood, 3 Almond Grove (80573).

The rota is worked on a token basis, each member being given a credit of 26 tokens each worth one hour. Sitters are "paid" one token each hour before 11.00pm and double after. Light refreshment (coffee and biscuits) also to be provided. At the moment, there are approx. 31 on the list.

RECIPE.

A cheap way to make yoghurt.

1 pint milk
1 tablespoon natural yoghurt

Method:

1 Bring the milk to the boil and simmer for 5 mins.
2 Cool down to blood heat.
3 Mix 1 tablespoon yoghurt with the milk.
4 Pour into a warmed Thermos flask and leave for 24 hrs.
5 Shake well before dispensing.
6 Add any fruit flavourings required.
7 Store in a refrigerator.

THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND.

The recent spate of extremely wet weather has once again highlighted a village problem, the muddy state of the School Playground.

It is said that nothing can be done with regards to fencing the area of the playground or putting down extra concrete paths to some of the classrooms.

Whilst individual voices may not be heard, several voices combined may get somewhere with this problem. If any other frustrated mothers of young dirt-searchers are interested, please contact me at 38 Partridge Drive, Tel: 80268.

Val Horne.

NEW VILLAGERS!

Clapinska, Tanya, 133 Pheasant Rise 25.1.77
Lineham, Daniel, 37 Foxhollow 18.1.77

COLLECTIONS.

JO HALL collects the following:-

Used stamps for the Save the Children Fund

Milk Bottle Tops and Foil for the Church of England Childrens Society

Paper Bags for Oxfam

Canned Drinks Ring Openers for a kidney machine for Addenbrookes Hospital

Old Christmas Cards for the Church of England Childrens Society

Please save these useful items and bring them to 41 Otter Close, Tel: 80304.

NEARLY NEW SALES.

The next Nearly New Sales will be on Tuesday, 8th March 7.30pm - 9.00pm and Wednesday, 9th March 10.00 am - 12 noon in the Church Centre. Clothes, which should be clean and in good condition, should be brought at the time of the sale and marked with name, size and price - one-third to the Church funds. Please could all unsold items be collected at the end of the Wednesday sale. There is money waiting to be collected by Mrs. Sallis and Mrs. Hill.

Isabel Wilson

TABLE TENNIS.

Anyone interested in playing table tennis at the Church Centre, please contact Anne Pitman at 1 Otter Close, Bar Hill, Tel: 80216. If there is sufficient response, it is hoped to hold both Junior and Senior Clubs.

SALESPERSON REQUIRED.

A reliable, responsible and enthusiastic person is needed to work in a wool and haberdashery shop soon to open in the Mall. A 4½ day week, with some Saturdays, is envisaged. Some knowledge of knitting and crafts would be useful.

If you are interested, please contact Jan and Dave Mutch, 26 Otter Gardens, Bar Hill. Tel: 80333.

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